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## COMMUNITY

## Center Fresh Farmers' Market kicks off summer

By Dalton Zbierski  
Editor

CHICOPEE – The stereotypes that were long applied to Chicopee Center are slowly fading away. The newfound life reinvigorating downtown Chicopee is best exemplified by the Center Fresh Farmers' Market, set to occur from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday until October.

June 3 marked the debut of the Farmers' Market, held in front of the old Chicopee library, across from Munich Haus in Chicopee Center.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a group of community members, alarmed by a rising level of food insecurity downtown, began pursuing the plausibility of launching a farmers' market.

The primary focus of the operation is to benefit residents who reside in Chicopee Center, an area known as a "food desert."

The Chicopee Chamber of Commerce played a major role in the push to implement the farmers' market downtown. All throughout the market's



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[L to R] Mayor John Vieau and Chicopee Public Schools Farm to School Coordinator Greta Shwachman pose for a photo at the Center Fresh Farmers' Market in Chicopee Center on June 3.

first day, Chamber President Julie Copoulos could be seen with a smile.

"The people are what make Chicopee Center so beautiful; bringing them out here is a wonderful way to brighten it up even more," said

Copoulos. "The Chamber has been a pioneer in saying, 'Let's get some partners together and get some more fun activities downtown that also help serve those in need.'"

Many of the vendors who participated in the June 3 edi-

tion of the market arrived in Chicopee from out of town. In their eyes, Chicopee Center is an attractive destination.

"This is great; it's better than I expected really. I came

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## Honoring Walczak; Szot Park softball field named for former Parks Superintendent

By Dalton Zbierski  
Editor

CHICOPEE – A pioneer in Chicopee recreation has been honored. Softball field 1 at Szot Park now bears the name "Stanley Walczak Softball Field," a gesture that recognizes Walczak's 35-year career with the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department.

Walczak, who is currently serving his final term as Ward 9 City Councilor, led the Parks and Recreation Department as Superintendent for 20 years.

"I've had many opportunities to seize the moment and try to improve our city's parks," Walczak during a June 9 dedication ceremony at Szot Park. "I often ask people, 'Hey, do you know how many parks there are in Chicopee?' They say, 'Six or eight,' or something like that. When I tell them 32, they almost fall flat on their faces."

A crowd of local and state



WALCZAK PHOTOS TAKEN BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

[L to R] Former Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent Stan Walczak was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Chicopee Mayor John Vieau on June 9.

representatives, city employees, family and friends arrived at Szot Park on June 9 to partake in the ceremony, which occurred prior to the first pitch of a crosstown rivalry softball game between Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

There, Mayor John Vieau

presented Walczak with a certificate of appreciation. Moments later, a banner draped over the "Stanley Walczak Softball Field" sign was removed, and a loud applause followed.

Walczak's accomplishments are scattered across multiple decades; many were celebrated on June 9.

After earning his Master's Degree from Springfield College, Walczak, inspired by his professors, pursued a career in recreation. While climbing the ladder to Superintendent, Walczak served as a Recreation Supervisor and, then, Asst. Superintendent of

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## School district to lease office space

*Work needed at 180 Broadway St.*

By Cara McCarthy  
Staff Writer

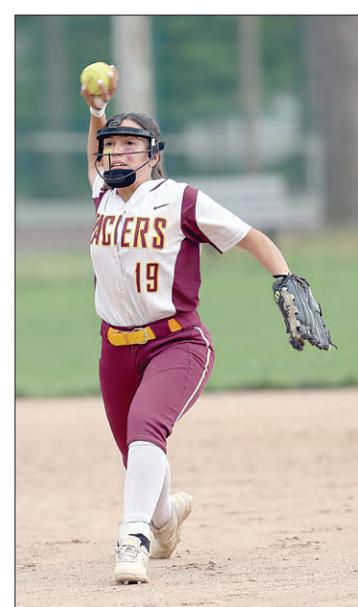
CHICOPEE – On June 16, the Chicopee School Committee passed a motion to lease a new building for the next five years due to non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and air quality issues at the current administration building.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau moved that an agreement between Pendleton LLC and the Chicopee Public School be approved for the lease of office space.

Scott Chapdelaine, Director of Maintenance for Chicopee Public Schools, said this lease would be used as office space for individuals who currently occupy the administration building at 180 Broadway St. while it undergoes potential renovations to improve air quality and provide easier accessibility for individuals who require it.

Chapdelaine has come

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Stanley Walczak Softball Field has long been home to a "hotbed of softball talent," said Stan Walczak.

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# Council discusses fraudulent unemployment claims, lottery for vaccinated residents

By Cara McCarthy  
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee City Council passed several appropriations to continue work on downtown Chicopee and fund unemployment insurance at its June 15 meeting.

Additionally, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau reported the city has seen many fraudulent unemployment claims that it has been required to pay out before the city can be reimbursed for those claims. The topic was brought up during the Mayor's appropriation of \$50,000 to be moved to the Human Resources Special Account for Unemployment Insurance from the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

"When we get a claim for unemployment, the city of Chicopee is obligated to pay that unemployment until it's deemed to be fraud," Vieau said. "Then we get reimbursed."

Vieau said fraudulent unemployment claims are not only common in Chicopee but in the state of Massachusetts as well.

Ward 9 Councilor Stan Walczak asked Vieau if the person who filed the fraudulent claim would be required to return the money.

Vieau said he does not believe anyone receives a check but if they do "they would be required, I'm sure by law, to give it back."

Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits said, "Unfortunately, you can't really find it [fraud] up front. You have to pay it out and then ask to get a credit afterwards."

Krampits added the funds that the council voted on are to help cover the account.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Vieau also requested the appropriation of \$9,023 be granted to the Planning Special Account for Chicopee Center TDI Projects. He added the funds will go to fin-

ishing the logo and branding for downtown Chicopee.

By accepting the grant, the Department of Planning and Development would be able to move forwards with installing a wayfinding signage package.

Lee Pouliot, Director of the Department of Planning and Development said, "Our district, through the partnership that's working with our fellow, determined that branding and wayfinding was a critical aspect, particularly in supporting our business community and making sure that visitors and guests coming into the business district can easily find their way to public parking."

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Vieau also announced that Governor Charlie Baker's office is launching a lottery for citizens who are fully vaccinated across the Commonwealth.

The lottery is split between two de-

mographics. Individuals 18 and older can enter to win one of five \$1,000,000 cash prizes and young adults between the ages of 12 and 17 may enter for a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants, according to Vieau.

Vieau added there will be drawings for the winners once a week for five weeks, beginning July 26. Fully-vaccinated Massachusetts residents may enter beginning July 1.

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe reiterated how important it is for every citizen to get the vaccine because "97% of all hospital admissions related to COVID-19 are unvaccinated individuals. If you are part of that 3% that has a breakthrough infection, you are unlikely to be hospitalized."

McAuliffe added "If you're resisting getting the vaccine, this is entirely effective, entirely safe, and it is something that you should do as soon as possible. Not only for you, but for your family."

## Cause of Chicopee electrical fire revealed

CHICOPEE – Chicopee Fire Chief Daniel P. Stamborski and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey announced the cause of the June 13, 2021 fire at 313-315 Chicopee Street in Chicopee is electrical.

Investigators determined that an electrical event occurred in a void space above the third floor ceiling, starting the fire. The Chicopee Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal jointly investigated the fire.

### Know the Warning Signs

"Call your local fire department immediately if you have warning signs such as arcs, sparks, or short circuits," advises Chief Stamborski. "Other warning

signs include hearing a sizzling or buzzing sound or smelling a vague odor of something burning. Immediate attention to these signs can save lives," he added, "Firefighters can use thermal imaging technology to see excessive heat inside the walls."

Call a professional electrician soon if you have any of these warning signs:

- Frequently blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers;
- Dim or flickering lights, bulbs that wear out too fast;
- Overheated plugs, cords or switches;
- Shock or mild tingle – more than normal static electricity;
- Loose outlets or unusually warm or

faulty outlets or switches;

- Permanently using power strips or extension cords;
- Defeating the ground plug on appliances so they fit into a 2-prong outlet.

**Electrical Fires Caused 28 Deaths and Nearly \$400 Million in Damages**

In the last five years (2016 – 2020), Massachusetts fire departments reported 2,719 home fires caused by electrical problems. These fires caused 28 civilian deaths, 76 civilian injuries, 377 fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$38.8 million. Electrical fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts. (Source: Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System.)

## Senior center schedules range of programs

CHICOPEE – In the coming weeks, the RiverMills Senior Center at 5 W Main St. in Chicopee will offer local seniors access to a range of exciting programs.

### Parking Lot Bingo!

The Council on Aging will offer Parking Lot Bingo on Wed., June 23 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the lower level parking lot at RiverMills Center!

Participants will stay in their vehicles with their radios on. Bingo numbers will be called and you will hear the numbers called thru your radio. Instructions will be passed out before Bingo begins. If you get Bingo, honk your horn and win a prize. Though these are free events, you must register in advance by calling RiverMills Center at 534-3698.

## Fill the Bag Sale

CHICOPEE – The Holy Mother of the Rosary Church will Sponsor a Fill The Bag Sale, Sat., June 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church hall, 26 Bell St. in Chicopee. We have a great selection of new and used items, shoes, clothes, books, CD's, DVD's, glassware, household items, xmas, barbie dolls, build a bear and other toys. Bargains \$5 a bag.

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# Chicopee resident receives WNEU pharmacy Student of the Year, other honors

By Kimerly Palmucci  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — A Ludlow native recently received recognition as “Student of the Year” within Western New England University’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, among other honors.

Briana O’Connell, now of Chicopee, was recently recognized as Student Governance Association Student of the Year, and in May, she was honored as the Massachusetts Society of Health System Pharmacists Student of the Year. She was also nominated by COPHS faculty for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Pharmacy4Me Champion.

“It feels really incredible to be acknowledged for some of my involvement this semester,” O’Connell said.

“It means so much to see that my hard work throughout the year has made some sort of impact on the community. Immersing myself in leadership roles has always been a large source of happiness for me, partly because it provides a platform for me to make a difference.”

O’Connell received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy Studies in May of last year and will receive her PharmD degree in May 2022.

This academic year, she served as the President of the Student Society of Health System Pharmacists, president of the Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society, and as professional chair of Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity (Delta Tau).

One of O’Connell’s missions this year was to create a video about COVID-19 to share with the community.

“I created the COVID-19 Pharmacy Student Testimonial video in an effort to promote confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine and to share pharmacy student efforts on the frontlines,” she said.

“Many pharmacy students were

on the frontlines of the pandemic administering vaccines, adhering to social distancing measures, and receiving the COVID-19 vaccines themselves. It means a lot to see the message being shared and recognized, and it feels wonderful to know that it potentially helped someone who was unsure or needed some more information. This has been an incredibly challenging year, and this was just one small way that I had hoped to make a difference.”

The video ended up being shared university-wide and included on the University’s YouTube page as well as their website.

O’Connell also kept busy this semester with organizing various initiatives within the College of Pharmacy, including the introduction of Narcan certification to the university.

“We were able to get dozens of people certified in Narcan administration, which was wonderful,” O’Connell said. “Other activities throughout the year included Drug Take Back Day and helping to provide university students with access to information within the field of pharmacy through newsletters and various events.”

O’Connell said her goal after receiving her degree is to complete post-graduate residency training in order to become a clinical pharmacist in a hospital setting.

“This last year of pharmacy school will allow me to explore potential avenues that I am passionate about through clinical rotations, although my current interest is to become a critical care pharmacist,” she said.

Wherever her education would take her, O’Connell said she always knew it would involve committing herself to a career helping others.

“I took the leap and decided to pursue pharmacy coursework, and I learned so much more about how important phar-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Briana O’Connell, holding one of the many awards she earned while a graduate student at Western New England University’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Her passion has always been helping others, she says.**

macists are within a healthcare team,” she said.

“My favorite part about pursuing a career in pharmacy is the wide variety of potential avenues to choose from. There are so many different ways that pharmacists impact patient care that I had not previously known.”

And for prospective pharmacists and students, O’Connell said there is a lot to learn from other student leaders within the field.

“It is important to make every effort to connect with others within the profession. Join organizations that you are passionate about. Feeling genuinely excited

about what you’re involved in is a driving force for accomplishing your goals and making a difference in the community,” she said.

O’Connell’s grandmother, Helen O’Connell of Indian Orchard, described her as “outstanding.” Of course, she’s one of Briana’s most ardent cheerleaders.

“Over the years she has worked incredibly hard and has spent countless hours studying,” Helen O’Connell said.

Receiving these prestigious awards shows that her incredible hard work and dedication has been recognized. She works incredibly hard and has demonstrated consistent dedication over the years. Her grandfather, myself, and the whole family are so proud of her for everything she has accomplished and the person that she is.”

Briana’s mother, Suzanne Beauregard of Chicopee, and her father, John O’Connell of Ludlow, echoed those sentiments.

“Briana is a compassionate, ambitious, and hardworking young woman who always puts other people before herself,” Beauregard said.

“It is amazing to see what she has accomplished and the drive she has to make the world a better place.”

According to her dad, “Words cannot describe how proud I am of Briana,” John O’Connell said.

“She is hardworking, determined, funny, compassionate, and caring. She puts her all into everything that she does. Every day she amazes me more and more.”

Although this has been a difficult year in many ways, O’Connell said she feels empowered to have been able to finish off the semester strong.

“Given my passion for the profession, I hope that this is just the beginning of what I will accomplish in the years to come,” she said.

## Chicopee \$10,230,000 General Obligation Bonds Net 1.78%, \$4,890,714 Notes Net 0.254%

CHICOPEE — Marie Laflamme, City Treasurer, received competitive bids from bond and note underwriters on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, for a \$10,230,000 29-year bond issue and a \$4,890,714, 359-day bond anticipation note issue. Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. was the winning bidder on the Bonds with an average interest rate of 1.78%. Piper Sandler & Co. was the winning bidder on the Notes with a net interest cost of 0.254%. The City received a total of 5 bids on the Bonds and 6 bids on the Notes. Bond and Note proceeds will be used to finance various municipal projects. Mayor John Vieau said, “The City’s goal is to maintain financial stability and prudent fiscal management and this demonstrates that we are continuing to maintain

this stability while facing these challenging economic times.” Treasurer Laflamme stated, “I am extremely proud to be a part of Chicopee’s financial team. The City once again illustrated the long lasting consistency of managing the City needs while always keeping the taxpayers’ interest in mind. Prior to the sale, S&P Global Ratings, a municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the City’s long-term rating of ‘AA-’. The rating agency cited the City’s strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, and very strong liquidity as positive credit factors. The bids for the Bonds and Notes were accepted at the offices of the City’s Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities Inc., at 54 Canal Street in Boston, Massachusetts.

## Hampden DA’s Clergy Sexual Abuse Hotline

SPRINGFIELD — In early 2019, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni established an anonymous clergy abuse hotline for anyone wishing to report abuse. Survivors of clergy abuse, or any survivor of sex abuse, are encouraged to call. No matter the age of the complaint or whether it was previously reported, any victim of clergy sexual abuse is able to, and should, contact law enforcement directly.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni stated, “We understand the strength that is required for victims to come forward and speak to their

past suffering, but these allegations should be reviewed by law enforcement, no matter their age or status. We want to hear from you and we want to help.”

Since the hotline’s launch, detectives from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit have been responding to allegations and speaking with victims. If a victim of clergy sexual abuse wishes to make a report, please contact the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office: (413) 800-2958.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN

### Reflecting on, finding inspiration from, the pearl process

A pearl is the month of June's gemstone.

Its appealing, luminous, soft sheen glow is both classic and contemporary. The pearl's origin can be natural from salt water in an ocean, or cultured from farming in fresh water. It's the only gemstone created from a living creature: most often in an oyster, less common within a mussel, and, rarely, within a clam.

What's so mysteriously intriguing about the pearl's process? When an inside injury occurs, and an unfamiliar object enters into the hard-shelled oyster's soft, greyish-white tissue, over time, through a miraculous protective process, a pearl is produced.

Oysters have dark, dull, rough-edged surfaces. Because of its lackluster appearance, oyster shells aren't usually a seashell collector's first choice. Yet, when opening an oyster's shell, one of nature's most iridescent interiors is brilliantly displayed. If ever an "under the sea rainbow" exists, it's found inside the oyster.

Another surprising fact: the oyster has similarities to humans, such as a mouth, stomach, heart, intestines, gills (lungs,) etc. Could there be life lessons from observing the oyster, its appearance and its attributes? Are there some applications we can apply?

Within other rough-shelled situations or personalities, perhaps there is an unmistakable beauty deep within? Maybe word wounds or an unexpected injury happens and then, eventually, over years, healing takes place and unimaginable beauty results. In both circumstances, the revealing and the restorative processes can produce persons of incredible value with a living luster of poise and purpose.

Life happens.

There are times when we may feel completely submerged, well below "see" level. Being isolated or overworked throughout COVID-19's perils and losses, certainly created chaos in multiple, unexpected ways. Healing takes time. Yet, amid adversity, over weeks, months, and even years, courageous growth can emerge as recovered lives that are "pearls of priceless worth."

Often "humorous gems" refresh our strength and renew our spirit. Years ago, Snoopy, the adorable beagle cartoon character created by Charles Schultz, while sitting atop his red doghouse, typed wisdom words on his manual typewriter: "I somehow survived another day...and I'll have to do it all over again tomorrow." And, aptly, the woofie advises, "Don't let anyone dull your sparkle."

Let's consider having June's gemstone, the pearl, inspire our lives. May we reflect on its amazing course of injury-origin and the valuable healing-process results: a unique, one-of-a-kind treasure with the luster and glow of a classic and contemporary purpose.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Observations here and there

It was fun to take a mini-vacation this past week! However, I have to admit that was weird to leave a newly-installed garden and a hen sitting on eggs in the care of my trusty house-sitter, especially with the mercury soaring the way it did. I came home to a garden that looked great and no chicks, yet...

Here are some observations from both during and after my vacation.

The vacation house had a major bunny problem. The owner installed a number of native plants to encourage pollinators and the rabbits seem to find most palatable. A small fence was installed around the perennials off the porch, but the new blueberries and serviceberry have been clear cut of anything rabbit height or less. Most of the shrubs in the mixed border have an umbrella-like appearance, with woody stems down low and growth at the top only.

I recommended switching up the repellents to keep the bunnies away, and this comes from personal experience. At the old house I never had a problem with rabbits in my garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking of his territory" had something to do with my good fortune. Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by. One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden. Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves; maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. Again, these would need to be replenished periodically and switched on occasion to keep the scent new and dangerous.

I visited a couple of great nurseries on

Cape Cod. The hydrangeas they sell there are amazing, and it was oh, so tempting to bring one home. Unfortunately, I had just bought one a month ago that was advertised to be good and hardy, but not the blue I had wanted. More of a purple-blue. It was neat to come home and see that the advice I had given others for many years actually worked. By adding sulfur to the edges of the planting hole my new hydrangea is turning a lovely shade of

blue. Yay! I am honestly amazed at how quickly the changeover took place. If you'd rather a pink toned hydrangea, raise the pH of the soil by sprinkling a couple of cups of dolomitic lime around the base of the plant once or twice throughout the growing season. A higher pH will prevent aluminum from being drawn up by the plant; aluminum has a bluing effect on the flowers of this particular type of hydrangea (*H. macrophylla*). Likewise, hydrangeas absorb more aluminum from acidic soil, so to make pink hydrangeas blue, do as I did and add sulfur to the soil around hydrangeas in the spring.

Another thing I came home to was sad peppers. You don't have to be a pepper psychologist to make an assessment as to why. First, they were planted during unseasonably warm mid-May weather, only to have temperatures plummet into the high 30s at night. Then, no less than a week later, we have August-like temperatures and a drought. So why are the pepper plants pale and pathetic? Probably all of the above and then some. I will likely give them some fish and seaweed emulsion and hope that they can transition to healthy plants as the temperatures and moisture moderate. Let's hope they do, anyway!

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# AFJROTC coordinates Field Day at Chicopee High School

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CHICOPEE – June 11 wasn't your ordinary Field Day at Chicopee High School. Hundreds of students, school staff, military personnel and first responders partook in a full day of festivities that no one involved will soon forget.

Student cadets from the high school's Air Force JROTC program began preparing for the event months ago. As the COVID-19 pandemic raged, the future was uncertain, and it was unclear how the initiative would take shape.

"At first, I was thinking, 'Man, is this actually really going to happen?' At first, we didn't think we could do it because of COVID; it was just going to be ROTC. Then the mask rule went away, and we were allowed to have more people outside. I'm very grateful," said Jacob Montalvo, a 2021 graduate of Chicopee High who spent four years in the JROTC program.

What was initially planned as a small gathering for cadets transformed into a Field Day that involved the entire school. From volleyball to cornhole and even an inflated obstacle course, the activities on the Chicopee High football field ranged tremendously.

Kaylana Matos-Rivera, a sophomore at Chicopee High and JROTC cadet, believed that the event occurred at the perfect time.

"I'm really happy; I'm glad that we could do something like this and include the whole school. I'm glad because at this time right now, I feel like a lot of people really needed it; even to socialize with other people because we went a whole year without it," said Matos-Rivera.

The theme of Field Day was centered around first responders and the military. In addition to service members from the National Guard, Marines, Coast Guard, Army and Navy, personnel from the Chicopee Fire Department and Police Department participated.

Ret. Maj. Kyle Bates serves as Senior Airspace Science Instructor for the JROTC at Chicopee High. He emphasized that the event was planned and executed entirely by the cadets.

Bates said that the cadets applied the JROTC's fundamental principles of leadership, teamwork, communication, critical thinking and fellowship to planning last Friday's event. He was excited to welcome members of the military and the city's public safety departments to the Chicopee High campus.

"We are thankful to have so much support not only from our school and our Pacer



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Amid the heat of a June morning, an ice cream truck arrived during Chicopee High School's Field Day on June 11 to provide refreshing treats.



Members of multiple branches of the U.S. Armed Forces were on-hand during Chicopee High School's Field Day last Friday.



Lt. Holly Davis of the Chicopee Police Department teaches a group of youngsters to salute during Field Day on June 11.



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# IN THE CITY

## FARMERS' MARKET from page 1

with minimal supply because I wasn't sure, and it's been a great day," said Granby resident Lori Leblanc, founder of Wickedly Wild Gourmet Sauces.

Jan Rodriguez ventured to downtown Chicopee from Springfield. Last month, he started his own business, growing non-genetically modified food items.

Rodriguez saw an advertisement for the market and was extremely glad he arrived on June 3.

"The vibe here is great. [Chicopee Center] just needs love and attention, and we're here for that," said Rodriguez. "If you're tired of those big chains selling you those processed things and you want something local and fresh, and you want a good time, we got music, food trucks; hey, come by and have an afternoon with us."

Greta Shwachman, Farm to School Coordinator for Chicopee Public Schools, dressed as a strawberry to celebrate strawberries' selection as the Massachusetts Harvest of the Month for June.

Shwachman handed out samples of her homemade strawberry rhubarb crisp and raffled off a flat, eight quarts, of freshly-picked, local strawberries. For Shwachman, participating in the Center Fresh Farmers' Market is a dream come true.

"To have the option of farm fresh produce in downtown Chicopee is great," said Shwachman. "We have a really wonderful variety of vendors. From where I stand, I can see



[L to R] Chicopee Chamber of Commerce President Julie Copoulos and Food Market Manager Erin Rideout are key components of the Center Fresh Farmers' Market, which will occur every Thursday afternoon in Chicopee Center until October.



Emily Williams of Springfield, founder of Dyke Dyes, partook in the Center Fresh Farmers' Market on June 3.



Granby resident Lori Leblanc, founder of Wickedly Wild Gourmet Sauces, enjoyed her first day at the Center Fresh Farmers' Market on June 3.



Jan Rodriguez, a Springfield-based producer of non-GMO food items, was thrilled to partake in the first day of the Center Fresh Farmers' Market on June 3.

woodworking, tie-dye, sauces, local asparagus, herbs, micro-greens; there's a really great variety. The Center Fresh Chicopee team has done a great job planning the market."

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau arrived at the market shortly after leaving Chicopee

Academy's Class of 2021 commencement ceremonies. He too was impressed by the unique, organic nature and sheer size of the market, which did include a food truck.

Vieau is proud to contribute to the revitalization of Chicopee Center, a process has

been fueled in large part by MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative. He believes that Chicopee Center's stock is rising at a pace that hasn't been observed in years.

"Some people say that downtown Chicopee is stag-

nant. Tell that to a stakeholder or business owner down here. They don't feel that way," said Vieau. "There's so much potential downtown, and that's what we're really trying to show everyone by creating this really unique market in front of the old library."

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE from page 1

before the board several times to discuss the status of the building and the options they have for improving those problem areas.

He said simply renovating

180 Broadway would not be feasible due to the cost and suggested in March that the city should look at other properties to house the administration building. Of the seven buildings Chapdelaine looked at, only one met the cri-

teria to be the new administration building and it is a lease agreement.

"I know no one likes the idea of leasing a building," Chapdelaine said. "But, you're looking at similar numbers to the City

Hall renovation [\$14,000,000-\$21,000,000] for a new building."

Chapdelaine said for a five-year lease, the city would only be looking at spending approximately \$1,400,000, as opposed to the cost to construct a new building.

Ward 2 School Committee Representative David Barsalou asked what would happen to the current administration building if the offices move to the new location.

Chapdelaine said 180 Broadway would go up for a Request for Proposal where they will do a study to find out how much renovations would cost.

Barsalou, who voted not to approve the lease, said, "I just don't understand why we would spend \$1,000,000 for leasing a space without doing something about renovating 180 [Broadway] especially because of its historical significance."

He added, "The taxpayers aren't getting anything back leasing this property. The school department's getting a place to work, but it's not like the money is going to something in the city like 180 [Broadway]."

Ward 9 School Committee Representative Mary Elizabeth Pniak-Costello said

she had to work remotely in 2013 due to not being able to go up the stairs as a result of a knee injury.

"That's a serious concern for the city to have a public building that is not ADA compliant," Pniak-Costello said. "We've got to get going on the ventilation and we have to look at restructuring a building from the 19th century."

She added the purchase agreement would give the committee time to make decisions about 180 Broadway.

The motion to lease a new administration building passed by a vote of 10-1.

Ward 1 School Committee Representative Jim Tanhauser brought up a concern over transportation safety around Chicopee's schools.

"I don't have to get into the details of why I'm bringing this up tonight," Tanhauser said. "There were obviously two tragic incidents in the city which, thank God, didn't end up worse."

He added that since then, he has had many constituents reach out to him with their concerns over the matter. Tanhauser said it is really important for the public to know that "We heard your concerns and we're willing to make changes."

Lynn Clark, Chicopee Superintendent of Schools, said in one of the incidents Tanhauser mentioned "there was an area where there should have been a crossing guard that did not come to work that day."

She reassured him that the district "moved" on that issue, taking action.

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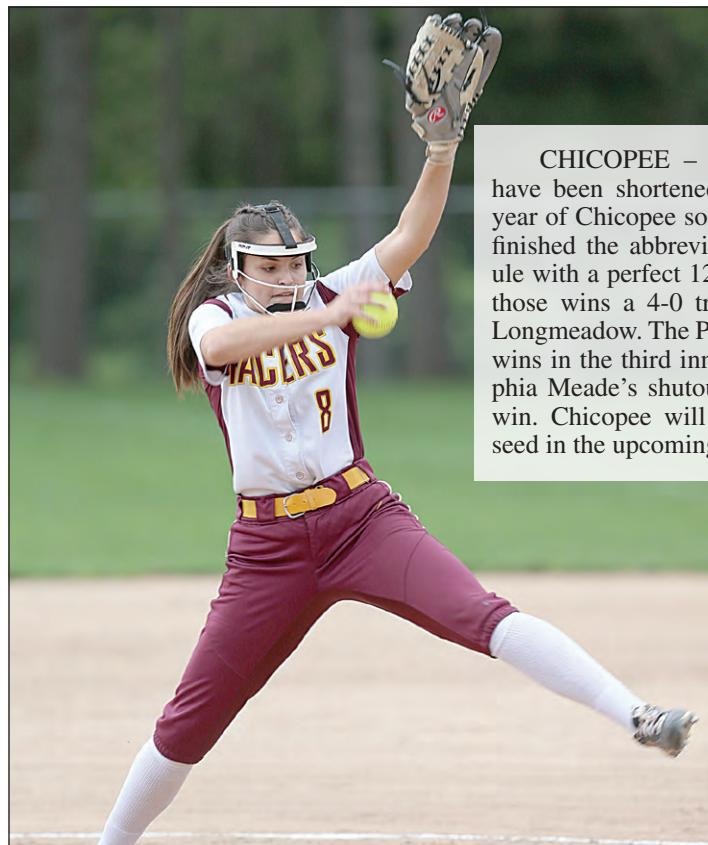
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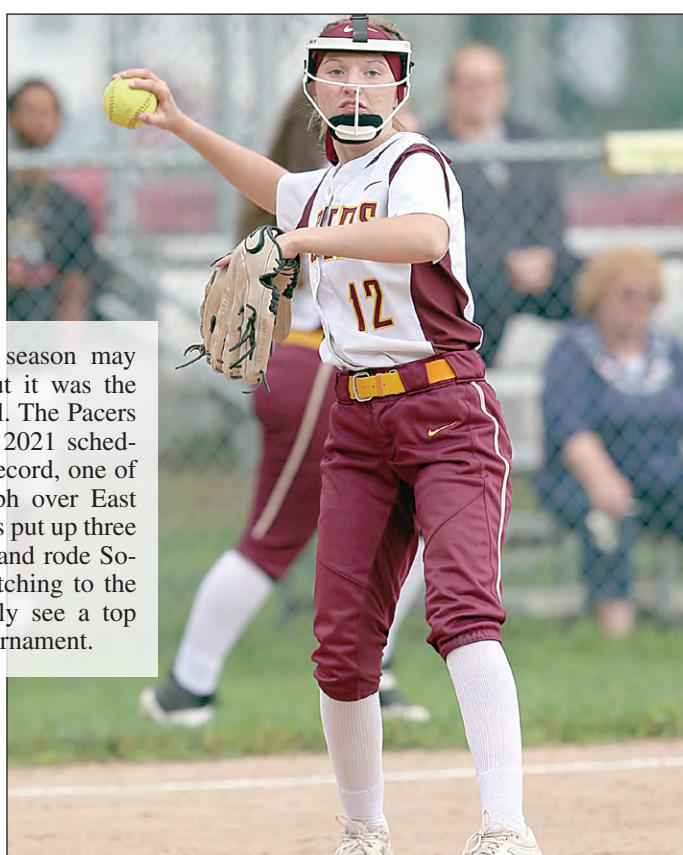
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## Pacers finish perfect campaign



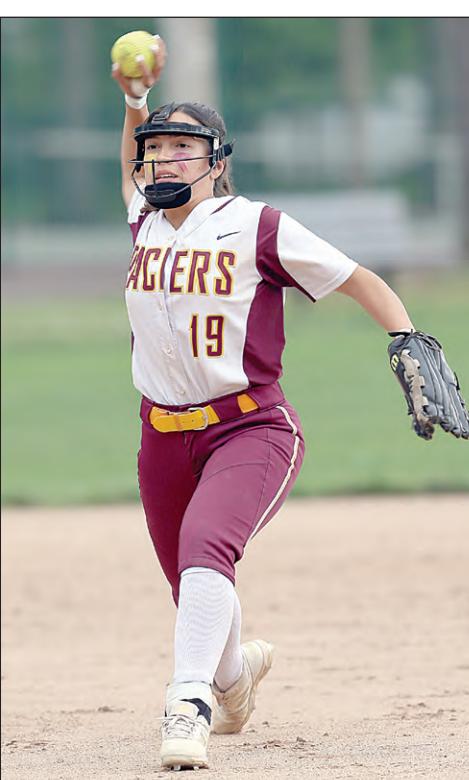
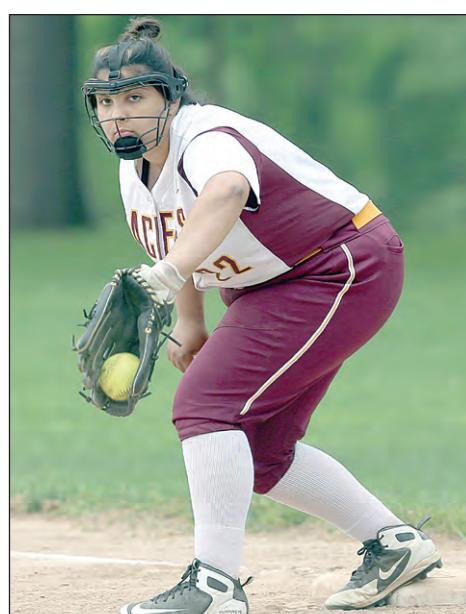
CHICOPEE — The season may have been shortened, but it was the year of Chicopee softball. The Pacers finished the abbreviated 2021 schedule with a perfect 12-0 record, one of those wins a 4-0 triumph over East Longmeadow. The Pacers put up three wins in the third inning and rode Sophia Meade's shutout pitching to the win. Chicopee will likely see a top seed in the upcoming tournament.



Gwyneth Gagnon throws over to first for the Pacers.

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Sophia Meade fires a pitch to the plate.



Jaenedy Alcantara makes a shoe-string catch in center field.

Jordayn Padilla catches a force out.

Aneesa Rivera tries to get an out at first base.

## Blue Sox improve 6-3 with win

HOLYoke — The Valley Blue Sox (6-3) of the NECBL took on the Ocean State Waves (2-6) in their eighth game of the season at MacKenzie Stadium on Sunday night. The Blue Sox pulled through for the win by a score of 4-3.

The game began at 5:05 p.m., with the presenting sponsor, Cindy's Drive-In, providing kiddie cups of their ice cream to the first 250 fans through the gates at MacKenzie Stadium for the 'Sunday's on a Sunday!' promotion.

Blue Sox fans enjoyed their ice cream during the beautiful night, where Grant Kipp of Yale University dominated on the mound for the first couple of innings, which went scoreless.

"I'm really happy with this turnout," Said Kipp. "From not playing in the Ivy League this season, it was really nice to get back out there and show what I can do." The Ivy League Council of Presidents decided not to hold league competition or host league championships this past spring, which included baseball, so this summer season has been the first time post-pandemic in which Kipp and the other Ivy League players have competed.

In the bottom of the fifth, Garrett Shultz of Xavier University had two RBI's, bringing Luke Franzoni (Xavier) and Mason LaPlante (Yale) home to raise the score to 2-0.

The Waves responded quickly with two runs of their own off of an Albert Choi (New Jersey Institute of Technology) hit that went past the fences at MacKenzie Stadium to tie the game at 2-2.

The Waves pulled ahead in the top of the seventh, scoring a run to bring the game to 3-2.

See **BLUE SOX** page 11

## Mutiny pick up another tie

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent



Hope Santaniello picks up a pass and move up the field.

LUDLOW — The good news is the New England Mutiny have not suffered a loss in any of their four regular season matches. The bad news is the Mutiny players have only celebrated one victory so far this season. Three of their four matches have ended in 2-2 draws including their June 5 contest against the New Jersey Copa FC which was played before a good size gathering at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It doesn't really feel like a tie, it feels more like a loss," said Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "We just didn't play as well as we're capable of tonight. We didn't have the same type of en-

ergy or the focus. We just didn't play our style."

In order to clinch a berth in the United Women's Soccer playoffs, the Mutiny (1-0-3) will need to finish the regular season in the top four spots of the East Conference standings.

The Mutiny's only victory so far this season was a 6-1 home victory over the CT Rush on May 22.

They're scheduled to play back-to-back road matches this weekend against the other two United Women's Soccer clubs from Massachusetts. The road trip begins with a match-up against the Scorpions SC, who play their home matches at Med-



Lauren Berman of South Hadley gets ready to shoot.

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## College Notes

### Chicopee students on Springfield College's 2021 Spring Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD -- Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2021 Spring Semester.

Kaylee Sherburne from Chicopee, MA. Sherburne has a primary major of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Anna Kaletina from Chicopee, MA. Kaletina has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Aqsa Maham from Chicopee, MA. Maham has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Viktoria Perevala from Chicopee, MA. Perevala has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Hannah Reidy from Chicopee, MA. Reidy has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Ashley Rouleau from Chicopee, MA. Rouleau has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Mackenzie Boucher from Chicopee, MA. Boucher has a primary major of

Health Science.

Georgia Perreault from Chicopee, MA. Perreault has a primary major of Health/Family and Consumer Science.

Israel Gonzalez from Chicopee, MA. Gonzalez has a primary major of Psychology.

Oksana Kagan from Chicopee, MA. Kagan has a primary major of Sports Biology.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

### Chicopee students named to University of Rhode Island Spring 2021 Dean's List

KINGSTON, RI (06/15/2021) -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean's List. More than 7,000 students were

named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list: Michael Baran of Chicopee (01013); Hailey Chapdelaine of Chicopee (01020); Madi Hartling of Chicopee (01020); Taryn Langlois of Chicopee (01020) and Lauren Sittard of Chicopee (01020).

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

### Brennan Dort of Chicopee achieves Nichols College 2021 academic honors

DUDLEY, MA (06/14/2021) -- Brennan Dort, a Nichols College student from Chicopee, MA, achieved Dean's List sta-

tus for the spring 2021 semester at Nichols College, which ended in May.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

### Rebecca Gauthier of Chicopee graduates from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, NH (06/15/2021) -- Rebecca Gauthier of Chicopee graduated from Plymouth State University during its 150th Anniversary Commencement Ceremony on May 8, 2021. Gauthier received a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology.

Gauthier was among more than 670 Class of 2021 students who received degrees.

### WALCZAK from page 1

the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 2005, the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association named Walczak as "Park Professional of the Year."

Walczak's fundraising efforts to restore Szot Park's 1939 color spray fountain were also acknowledged on June 4.

In 2012, Walczak led the department to its acquisition of a \$1.2 million Gateway Grant for Szot Park. The funding allowed for major improvements to the Szot Park sports complex, including new stadium lighting, bleachers, an automatic irrigation system, new scoreboards, team dugouts, turf and drainage upgrades and handicap accessibility to the fields.

To put the department's growth in perspective, Walczak referred to information he received from Chicopee historian Stephen Jendrysik.

"Stephen wrote in an article that in 1927 there were six parks in the city of Chicopee. I had 32 parks when I was Superintendent. Things have changed dramatically, and I think the number of people using facilities has well advanced from what we had," said Walczak.

State Rep. Joseph Wagner, a Chicopee native, representing the Eighth Hampden District, worked under Walczak in the Parks and Recreation Department. Wagner was elated to be present at the dedication ceremony.

"I do a lot of events in Chicopee but



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[L to R] Mayor John Vieau and Ward 9 City Councilor Stan Walczak share a laugh during a ceremony that honored Walczak's longstanding contributions to the Parks and Recreation Department.

rarely do I get to do an event that is as personal as this one is," said Wagner. "Some of the finest softball in the Northeast region of the United States has been played right here on this field. This is a special field so it's a great honor, and I'm proud to be here."

For many years, the field hosted the state's Division 1 and 2 softball championships, as well as regional and state

tournaments in American Legion baseball.

During the softball field's heyday, Wagner reported that the bleachers would fill to capacity with enthusiastic supporters. Walczak estimated that, "when the men's league was playing, it wasn't surprising to see 50 or 60 teams."

Today, the park continues to stand as Chicopee's most prominent recreational space, a feat that Walczak contributed to.

On June 9, State Sen. Eric Lesser of the First Hampden & Hampshire District presented Walczak with a citation, thanking him for positively impacting the lives of countless children both in the past and in years to come.

"There's a saying that the true mark of service and leadership is the dedication to planting trees that you yourself



Softball Field 1 at Szot Park has been named in honor of Stan Walczak, Chicopee's Ward 9 City Councilor who spent more than three decades as a member of the Parks and Recreation Department.

may never get to sit under," said Lesser. "I can't think of a better way to think of your service to the city of Chicopee, to the people of Chicopee and to the people of our wider region than the tribute of this park."

As the ceremony concluded, Walczak offered a parting story. He relived his experience as coach of a Chicopee youth softball team that competed one summer on the national stage in Binghamton, NY.

"The announcers said, 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen, the next game is Tulsa, OK against Chicopee, MA.' All of a sudden, I could hear the rumble and the [fans] behind me saying, 'Where are they from? Chicopee, MA,' and, 'No, no; it's Chicken Pea, MA.' We got it straightened out and let them know where we were from."



[L to R] State Sen. Eric Lesser, Former Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent Stanley Walczak and a member of Lesser's staff pose for a photo during a June 9 ceremony that honored Walczak.

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Special Permit application under 275-58 (C) (4) for the purpose of serving liquor in a restaurant located at 185 Grove Street. Applicant – Falls Pizza, Inc., 185 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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Springfield St., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under 275-50 (C) (1) and 50 (C) (2) (a) for the purpose of relief of setback requirements for new sign placement from 25' to +/- 0' from the property line and erecting a digital sign located at 675 Fuller Road. Applicant – Chuck Martins, 658 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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Special Permit application under 275-58 (C) (5) for the purpose of four residential

units and a real estate office which requires a special permit located at 1692 Memorial Drive. Applicant – 896-900 Prospect Street, Inc., David B. Williams, 32 Haig Avenue, South Hadley, MA 01075.

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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Vincenzo Dior Lamonte Henson-Dandridge of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

## Vincenzo Victor Dandridge, Jr.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

**Hampden Probate and Family Court**  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Docket No. HD21P1009GD  
In the interests of  
King Kyrie Santos  
of Chicopee, MA  
Minor

**NOTICE AND ORDER:**  
**Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor**

## NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/26/2021** by **Judith Robideau** of Chicopee, MA will be held **07/09/2021 02:20 PM**

**Motion:** Located: [www.zoomgov.com](http://www.zoomgov.com) or call **1-646-828-7666**

**2. Response to Petition:**  
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your

request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: June 8, 2021

## Rosemary A Saccmani Register of Probate

06/18/2021 **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**The Trial Court**  
**Hampden Probate and Family Court**  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

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Docket No. HD87PI706EA

In the matter of:  
Eugene C. Smith, Jr.,  
Irrevocable Ttrust

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

A Petition has been filed by: Edward Jones Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri and Eugene C Smith, Sr. of Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, requesting allowance of the **9th, 10th and Final account(s)**; Trustees, and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 7, 2021

## Rosemary Saccmani Register of Probate

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ee. Berman, who played college soccer at Boston College and is currently an assistant coach for the Harvard women's soccer team, fired a low shot into the back of the net past Copa goalie Isabella Castagnetti.

Berman, who's a first-year Mutiny player, also contributed on the go-ahead goal during the 42nd minute. She sent a crossing pass into the box from the right sideline and center forward Catherine Barry headed it into the left corner of the net past the goalie.

Barry, who recently completed her freshman season as a member of the University of South Carolina women's soccer team, scored her fifth goal in just three games with the Mutiny.

"Cat has been a great addition and we love having her on our team this year," Booth said. "She's a very strong soccer player and plays the game with a lot of confidence. She's our leading goal scorer."

Barry, who's from Hingham, recorded a hat-trick in her first match as a member of the Mutiny versus the Rush. She watched Berman play soccer at B.C. and she's one of her role models.

"I've been looking up to Lauren Berman since she played soccer at Boston College," Barry said. "She's a great player and it has been so much fun getting the opportunity to play with her the past couple



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### Lily Fabin tries to settle the ball.

of weeks. It's also an honor to represent a club that has a great history like the New England Mutiny.

Berman played professional soccer in Europe which is something that Barry and the other younger Mutiny player are inspiring to do in the future.

A current member of the B.C. wom-

en's soccer team on this year's Mutiny roster is Laura Gouvin, who's from Monson.

Barry, who graduated from Tabor Academy, was a two-time Massachusetts Girls Gatorade Player of the Year. She described her go-ahead goal.

I saw that Lauren was going to cross the ball to me, so I created a little bit of space," said Barry, who was also a starting center forward for the Gamecocks. "Then I just headed it into the net, which gave us a 2-1 lead. It was very exciting, especially doing it in front of the home crowd."

Murphy made a couple of outstanding saves in the second half, which helped the Mutiny hold onto the slim 2-1 lead until the 71st minute. That's when a Copa player was fouled in the box and Cunha blasted the PK into the upper right corner.

The home team did have a chance to retake the lead again, but a shot attempted was cleared away by a Copa defender on the goal-line.

Trystin Burger, who's from Granby, replaced Lily Fabian, who's from Monson, with about five minutes remaining in the match.

The Mutiny are hoping to celebrate a couple of victories before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium against the Syracuse DA on June 19.

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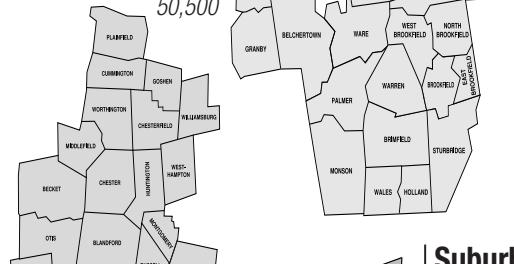
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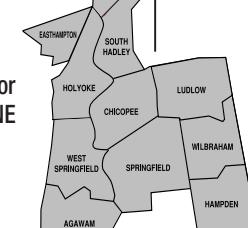
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